

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of selling international travel tickets in combination with duty free items from a single source merchant, comprising the steps of:

offering to sell to a customer at least one specific international travel ticket at an offering price ~~below a then current price at which said at least one specific international travel ticket can be purchased from a third party by said customer;~~

~~provided that said customer purchases said at least one specific international travel ticket at said offering price, and in conjunction with said offer to sell said specific international travel ticket at said offering price, offering to said customer at no additional charge as part of a single transaction at least one specific duty free item to be selected from a group of one or more specific duty free items, thereby defining a selection of specific duty free items available to said customer, the members of said group being based upon the price of said at least one specific international travel ticket,~~

said offer to sell said specific international travel ticket and said offer of at least one specific duty free item being made over a computer network from said single source merchant;

~~offering to said customer the option of selecting from among at least one additional specific duty free item upon payment of an amount in addition to said offering price;~~

said merchant acknowledging said customer's decision to purchase said at least one specific international travel ticket and said ~~customer's entitlement to said at~~ least one duty free item, the acknowledgment being made over said computer network;

said merchant accepting payment over said computer network from said customer for said at least one international travel ticket;

said merchant delivering said at least one specific international travel ticket to said customer; and

said merchant advising said customer of the method of delivery of said at least one specific duty free item to said customer, said method of delivery being connected to said customer engaging in the international travel associated with said at least one specific international travel ticket.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of offering to sell said at least one specific international travel ticket comprises offering to sell one or more of a plurality of specific international travel tickets which differ in at least one of their itineraries and destinations.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the members of said group each have a predetermined maximum assigned value which is dependent on the price of said at least one specific international travel ticket selected for purchase by said customer.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of said customer selecting at least one specific international travel ticket from

among said plurality of specific international travel tickets and selecting at least one specific duty free item from said selection of specific duty free items.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of advising said customer of the method of delivery of said at least one specific duty free item comprises advising said customer that said at least one specific duty free item will be delivered to said customer at one of an international port of departure, an international port of arrival and during international travel, whereby said at least one specific duty free item qualifies for duty free status.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of said customer selecting said at least one specific international travel ticket further comprises the step of said customer viewing itinerary and pricing information concerning said selection of specific international travel tickets by accessing a first web site over said computer network.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said step of said customer selecting said at least one specific duty free item further comprises the step of said customer viewing descriptive information concerning said selection of specific duty free items by accessing a second web site over said computer network.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of said customer making payment for said at least one specific international travel ticket by providing credit card information to a first remote computer over said computer network.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of said customer providing at least one of an address, phone number, email address and a passport number to a second remote computer over said computer network.

11. (currently amended) A method of selling duty free items in combination with international travel tickets from a single ~~source~~ merchant, comprising:
offering to sell to a customer at least one specific duty free item at an offering price ~~below a then current price at which said at least one specific duty free item can be purchased from a third party by said customer;~~

~~provided that said customer purchases said at least one specific duty free item at said offering price, and in conjunction with said offer to sell said at least one specific duty free item at said offering price, offering to said customer at no additional charge and as part of a single transaction at least one specific international travel ticket to be selected from a group of one or more specific international travel tickets, thereby defining a selection of specific international travel tickets available to said customer, the members of said group being based upon the price of said at least one specific duty free item;~~ said offer to sell said at least one specific duty free item and said offer of at least one specific international travel ticket being made over a computer network from said single ~~source~~ merchant;

~~offering to said customer the option of selecting from among at least one additional specific international travel ticket upon payment of an amount in addition to said specific offering price of said duty free item;~~

said merchant acknowledging said customer's decision to purchase said at least one specific duty free item and ~~said customer's entitlement to~~ said at least one international travel ticket, the acknowledgment being made over said computer network;

said merchant accepting payment over said computer network from said customer for said at least one specific duty free item;

said merchant advising said customer of the method of delivery of said at least one specific duty free item to said customer; said method of delivery being connected to said customer engaging in the international travel associated with said at least one specific international travel ticket; and

delivering said at least one specific international travel ticket to said customer.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said step of offering to sell said at least one specific duty free item comprises offering to sell one or more of a plurality of specific duty free items.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the members of said group each have a predetermined maximum assigned value which is dependent on the price of said at least one specific duty free item selected for purchase by said customer.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of said customer selecting at least one specific duty free item from among said plurality of specific duty free items and selecting at least one specific international travel ticket from said selection of specific international travel tickets.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said step of advising said customer of the method of delivery of said at least one specific duty free item comprises advising said customer that said at least specific one duty free item will be delivered to said customer at one of an international port of departure, an international port of arrival and during international travel, whereby said at least one specific duty free item qualifies for duty free status.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said step of said customer selecting said at least one specific duty free item further comprises the step of said customer viewing descriptive and pricing information concerning said selection of specific duty free items by accessing a first web site over said computer network.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said step of said customer selecting said at least one specific international travel ticket further comprises the step of said customer viewing itinerary information concerning said selection of specific international travel tickets by accessing a second web site over said computer network.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of said customer making payment for said at least one specific duty free item by providing credit card information to a first remote computer over said computer network.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of said customer providing at least one of an address, phone number, email address and a passport number to a second remote computer over said computer network.

21-84 (canceled)

85. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein offering to sell to a customer at least one specific international travel ticket comprises offering to sell at least one specific air travel ticket.

86. (new) A computer implemented method performed by a merchant for offering a combination of an international travel ticket and a duty free item to a consumer, the method comprising:

purchasing a plurality of international travel tickets and a plurality of duty free items from third parties;

computing prices for combinations, each combination including one or more international travel tickets and one or more duty free items;

offering the combinations to a consumer for purchase;

in response to a consumer selecting a given combination, selling the one or more international travel tickets and the one or more duty free items in the selected combination to the consumer in a single transaction; and

arranging for delivery of the one or more duty free items in the selected combination to the consumer in association with the consumer's travel using the one or more international travel tickets in the selected combination.

87. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein purchasing international travel tickets comprises conditionally purchasing the international travel tickets.

88. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein purchasing duty free items comprises conditionally purchasing the duty free items.

89. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein purchasing international travel tickets comprises purchasing surplus international travel tickets.

90. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein purchasing international travel tickets comprises contracting with an airline to purchase a minimum dollar amount of tickets and purchasing one or more international travel tickets in a selected combination after the consumer has selected the combination.

91. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein computing prices for combinations comprises computing prices based on costs of the international travel tickets and duty free items to the merchant.

92. (new) The method of claim 91, wherein computing prices comprises computing a price for a given combination to ensure recovery of the cost of the international travel ticket in the price for the duty free item.

93. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein offering the combinations comprises allowing the consumer to first select an international travel ticket or duty free item at a first specified price and allowing the consumer to select the other of an international travel ticket or duty free item at a second specified price, and wherein computing the prices comprises adding the first and second prices.

94. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein the international travel tickets comprise air travel tickets.

95. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein offering the combinations to the consumer comprises allowing the consumer to first select either a specific international travel ticket or a specific duty free item and then select a specific duty free item or a specific international travel ticket, respectively, that forms part of a given one of the combinations.

96. (new) A computer implemented method for offering a combination of an international travel ticket and a duty free item to a consumer, the method comprising:

offering a plurality of international travel tickets and a plurality of duty free items to a customer;

allowing the customer to select at least one of the international travel tickets or at least one of the duty free items for purchase;

if the customer has selected at least one of the international travel tickets, requiring the customer to select at least one of the duty free items to obtain in combination with the selected international travel ticket;

if the customer has selected at least one of the duty free items, requiring the customer to select at least one of the international travel tickets to obtain in combination with the selected duty free item;

selling the at least one selected international travel tickets and the at least one selected duty free items to the customer in a single transaction; and

arranging for delivery of the at least one selected duty free items to the customer in association with the customer's travel using the at least one selected international travel tickets.

97. (new) The method of claim 96, wherein requiring the customer to select at least one of the duty free items comprises matching one or more of the plurality of duty free items to the at least one selected international travel ticket and offering the matching one or more duty free items to the customer.

98. (new) The method of claim 97, wherein matching comprises matching one or more duty free items to the at least one selected international travel ticket based on a price of the international travel ticket.

99. The method of claim 96, wherein requiring the customer to select at least one of the international travel tickets comprises matching one or more of the plurality of international travel tickets to the at least one selected duty free item and offering the matching one or more international travel tickets to the customer.

100. (new) The method of claim 99, wherein matching comprises matching one or more international travel tickets to the at least one selected duty free item based on a price of the selected duty free item.

101. (new) The method of claim 96, wherein offering a plurality of international travel tickets and a plurality of duty free items to a customer comprises purchasing the international travel tickets and the duty free items from third parties and offering the purchased international travel tickets and duty free items to the customer.

102. (new) The method of claim 101, wherein purchasing the international travel tickets and the duty free items from third parties comprises conditionally purchasing the international travel tickets and the duty free items from third parties before offering them to the customer.

103. (new) The method of claim 96, comprising computing a price for the at least one selected international travel ticket and the at least one selected duty free item.

104. (new) The method of claim 96, wherein offering a plurality of international travel tickets comprises offering air travel tickets.